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TO    : Projects Review Committee          DATE: 19 September 1951

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SUBJECT: Proposed purchase of automobiles for Contact Division ▮▮▮▮▮▮

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        1.    The proposed project provides for the addition of nine automobiles and the replacement of one for certain of the Contact Division ▮▮▮▮▮▮ at an estimated cost of $14,000. The amount of the project should be reduced from $14,000 to $12,600 as the replacement item is provided for in the 1952 budget of the 25X1A Administrative Services Office.

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        2.    The addition of nine automobiles, consisting of ▮▮▮▮ for ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ previously established, and one for a central ▮▮▮▮▮▮ , will make a total of twenty-one automobiles assigned to Contact Division

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▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ These automobiles are requested in accordance with the Office of Operations policy, which is to provide for reimbursement for the use of privately owned automobiles whenever possible and to use government owned cars only where and when operational necessity, the area involved, and the personal situation of the employees involved make the use of privately owned vehicles impossible.

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        3.    Although the Assistant Director for Operations submitted this project on 13 July 1951, it has been deemed advisable to delay action thereon in view of the fact that Public Law 70, under which the Agency has been operating in fiscal year 1952, made it unlawful to purchase passenger-carrying motor vehicles until enactment of the 1952 fiscal year appropriation.

        4.    The 1952 Budget estimates contained no specific provision for addition to the Contact Division ▮▮▮▮▮▮ auto-   25X1A8a mobiles. However, it is possible to provide for the proposed additions within the overall Agency allowances for acquisition of automobiles as approved by the Bureau of the Budget in the 1952 estimates.

        5.    If approved, the amount of this project can be made available within the overall 1952 budget for OO/Contact Division. The use of vouchered funds is recommended.

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